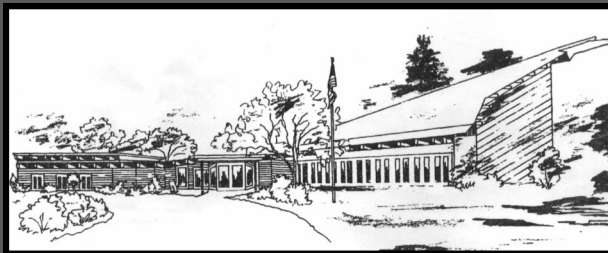




**Lutheran Church
of the Holy Spirit**
30 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



June 2019



Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day,
we follow the summer worship schedule:

One **9:30 AM** Worship Service on Sundays

7:00 PM Worship in the Woods will start on Monday, June 3rd.



Fun in the Sun!

Church Picnic—June 23, 12-3 PM

Join us for a great day of swimming, games, and grilling out! This annual family event will be at the Tennaqua Swim & Racquet Club (1 Tennaqua Lane, Deerfield). Hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks, etc., will be provided. Please bring salad or dessert to share. There will be games for the kids, a play ground, swimming (including a pool for the wee ones). Helpers for the games, face painting and cooking are needed. Sign up in the narthex that you are coming or to help. Suggested donation to cover food is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

Directions to Tennaqua from LCHS (1.5 miles): Turn right (south) onto Riverwoods Rd. Turn left (east) onto Deerfield Rd. Turn right (south) onto Castlewood lane (stop light just after the overpass). Quick right (west) onto Tennaqua Lane--this road dead ends at the club.

Hope to see you there!!

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The season of Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is present in our lives and in the life of our church. During the season of Pentecost the color we adorn our worship space with is green, signifying growth. That certainly doesn't mean that we are not to grow in our faith at other times of the year, but as we enter into the summer, with the school year ending and vacation on many people's minds, we are reminded that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to continue to grow in our faith whatever the season.

There is a story about a little boy who fell out of bed. When his Mom asked him what happened, he answered, "I don't know. I guess I stayed too close to where I got in."

It can be easy to do the same thing with our faith. It's tempting to stay where we got in and never move. So it's important for us to consider how we have grown in our faith. Ask yourself this: How does our prayer life today compare with a few years ago? How about our giving? Have both the amount and our joy increased? What about our church loyalty? Can we tell whether we've grown? And Bible study? Are we learning to learn? Scripture tells us:

"Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity." (Hebrews 6:1)

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." (1 Peter 2:2)

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

Growth is a goal of the Christian. Maturity is mandatory. If a child ceased to develop, the parent would be concerned. Doctors would be called. Tests would be run. When a child stops growing, something is wrong. When a Christian stops growing, help is needed, and a good place to start is by looking at our habits.

There are four habits that we can practice this summer to increase our faith and grow in our relationship with God. One habit is prayer. *"Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come endure them patiently; steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer."* (Romans 12:12) The best way to deepen our connection to God is to pray. Don't prepare to pray, just pray. Don't read about prayer, just pray. Don't think that there are special rules or procedures that we have to learn, just pray. Pray, pray, pray, and pray.

Another habit is study. *"The man who looks into the perfect law...and makes a habit of so doing, is not the man who hears and forgets. He puts that law into practice and he wins true happiness."* (James 1:25) By dwelling in the word of God, we grow in understanding and are formed into what God is calling us to truly be. Find a good devotional, join a Bible study group, make the Bible a habit we're accustomed to.

A third habit is giving. *"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn."* (1 Corinthians 16:2) We don't give for God's sake. We give for our sake. *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives."* (Deuteronomy 14:23) When we grow in our willingness to give, we grow in our reliance and trust in God.

The fourth habit is the habit of fellowship. *"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead let us encourage one another."* (Hebrews 10:25) We all need to be in relationship with others and at some point we will all need support. Take the time to develop some new relationships this summer and make it a habit of encouraging the friends we already have. Jesus came to give us a living example of God's love, so let's share that love and give testimony to our faith in Him.

Growth is a good thing, and I look forward to seeing our church grow and build each other up in spirit and in love. My prayer is that we will all have a spirit-filled summer and that by our habits we may share more fully in the love and joy of God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tim

Roof Repair Fundraising

Great News! We raised \$64,750 toward the repair of our roof. Construction is expected to begin May 28, and we look forward to resolving our ongoing water leaking problems.

Thank you to all who have so generously contributed to maintaining and improving our property and to the ongoing ministries of our church. With your partnership we will continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and serve our community through the excellent resource we have in our building.



Congratulations

Graduates

We are very proud of all those who are graduating this year. Let us know who you are by completing the form and returning it to the Church office for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Name _____

School graduating from: _____

Degree (if applicable): _____

Sanctuary Enhancements

Three teams have been formed to explore new possibilities for our worship space as we address our need for a new floor. The Floor Committee has already met several times and are looking at options for new flooring.

The Worship Space Team has been looking at creative options like movable seating, a Prayground for young children, and has visited many churches to learn how others have used their space creatively for worship.

The Technology Team will be exploring sound equipment, lighting, ways to record and stream our services, and other possibilities to bring our church up to speed for the 21st century.

We look forward to proposing our recommendations to the congregation at our annual meeting, but look for surveys and requests for information from our members in the coming weeks and months so we can learn what is most important to you.

Book Club

Friday, June 21 at 7:30 PM

"Love Your Enemies" by Arthur Brooks—the New York Times bestselling author and social scientist Arthur C. Brooks shows that abuse and outrage are not the right formula for lasting success. Brooks blends cutting-edge behavioral research, ancient wisdom, and a decade of experience leading one of America's top policy think tanks in a work that offers a better way to lead based on bridging divides and mending relationships.

"Love Your Enemies" offers a clear strategy for victory for a new generation of leaders. It is a rallying cry for people hoping for a new era of American progress. Most of all, it is a roadmap to arrive at the happiness that comes when we choose to love one another, despite our differences. If you have any questions or want more info, please contact Margy Eastmond at margyeastmond@yahoo.com.

Music Sunday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m.

What would worship be like without the gift of song? The choirs and musicians of our congregation help all of us to appreciate the depth and grandeur of God. On Sunday June 2, we give thanks to God for the talents and time they offer in the leadership of our worship.

Special thanks for our various directors: Mike Duffy, Music Director of Adult & Bell Choirs; Patrick Cantagallo, Brass Ensemble; Brigid Cantagallo, organist, pianist and accompanist; Bill Vaananen, Youth Choir Director, composer; Nancy Fencil & Darlene Neumann Cherub Choir Directors.

Youth Cookout

On Sunday June 2 after worship and the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade, we will be having a casual cookout in the church parking lot for fun, fellowship, and to kick off the summer. Please join us! Keep an eye out for an email with details about transportation to/from the parade, sides and desserts to share, and a sign-up so we can plan how much food will be needed. Any questions, please contact donna.williams@bakermckenzie.com.

Pentecost Sunday

On June 9th we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers. We often also refer to this day as the Birthday of the Church. The tradition is to wear red, the liturgical color for this high holy day, to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit. Join us for a special celebration as we adorn our sanctuary with red hanging flowers and celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit with us.

WELCA

Happy summer, ladies! Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 13th - 6:30pm to ?? for our next "Ladies' Night" at the home of Mary Lou Gilliam. More details will be emailed closer to date. If anyone has a suggestion for July's Ladies' Night, please let Lynn Kasche know at lmkasche@yahoo.com or 847-409-1258.

Prayer Group

In June we will take a journey through the much-loved poem "Footprints" written by Ella H. Scharring-Hausen. As we listen to the poem and scripture, we will be reminded that God never leaves us.

All are welcome to join us in the Prayer Chapel on Thursdays at 9:30 AM in the Prayer Chapel.

The Quilters

Join us at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 18 for fellowship and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome. No experience necessary!

Meet and Greet

Join us Sunday, June 30 in the Narthex at 10:30 after worship to gather as a family of faith to renew, sustain and form new friendships. To volunteer to provide fruit or a treat, please email Katie Bally at kbally@sbcglobal.net.

HOLY SPIRIT IN THE COMMUNITY

Buffalo Grove

Pride Parade

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit will be walking in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade on June 2 at 10am. The parade is less than 1 mile long and will be on Checker Road from Old Checker to McHenry Road. Line up starts at 9am, we are at formation number 36 at the north side of Old Checker Road near Willow Stream Park. We are limited to 25 participants so sign up in the Narthex. Wear bright colors; rainbows welcome.



Golf Outings

Curt's Café—Monday, June 24 at 1 PM Shotgun Start. Foss Park Golf Club. \$150 per person. Visit www.curtscafe.org for more info or to purchase tickets.

COOL—Friday, July 12 at Noon at Bonnie Brook golf course includes dinner. Information, registration and other ways to support COOL can be found at coolministries.org.

LCHS Annual Golf Outing will be on Sunday, July 28 at 1 PM at the Vernon Hills golf course. Format is scramble, which makes it a fun team event and all levels of golf is welcome! Sign up in the Narthex. Call Joe Labellarte at 847-322-5040 if you have any questions.

Lutheran Day Nursery

We will be hosting preschool children from Lutheran Day Nursery in Chicago to a day visiting the Ryerson Conservation Forest and Farm, as well as, lunch and play time at Holy Spirit. Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We need adults to help with activities and food and youth to lead games, eat lunch, and partner with the preschoolers on their walk through the forest. See Donna Williams with questions and to volunteer. A sign up will be posted in the narthex.



The Children's Heart Foundation™

Congenital Heart Walk

The Chicago Congenital Heart Walk is June 8 in Lincoln Park. Our church community has been more impacted than most by congenital heart defects--the most common birth defect and #1 cause of death in infants. This is a fun event for families and it's in a beautiful location right by Lincoln Park Zoo. Please join or consider supporting one of our teams!

Team Lukas and Coco: www.walkforchdresearch.org/chicago/LukasAndCoco

Team Hope Co. in honor of Lydia Labellarte: www.walkforchdresearch.org/chicago/lydiahope

Team Sweet Girl and Friends in honor of Allison Wittich: www.walkforchdresearch.org/chicago/sweetgirl

Children's Ministry News

By Jennifer Williams, Children's Ministry Director - jennifer.williams@lchschildren@gmail.com

Sunday School Happenings

We wrapped up our Sunday School year of "Building a relationship with God" with a building challenge. Each child received a packet containing a hodge-podge of items and had to create something. The kids demonstrated patience, thoughtfulness and creativity in the pieces they made!



Tuesday LYFE

One of the kids' favorite end of the year activities is visiting the snack shoppe! The kids get 1 "LYFE Buck" for each day of attendance throughout the year. With the possibility of 26 Bucks, the kids collect their cash at the bank and then purchase snacks. Items are marked from \$5 to \$2 and include: Oreos, Goldfish crackers, apple sauces, juice boxes, etc. They can wheel-n-deal to purchase their treats.



Our last project of the year was our prayer garden in the courtyard. With the help of Joan Keyes, the kids worked hard planting flowers making the garden look great! New this year is a personalized flag and garden stones painted by each child.



Youth Choir

The kids and Mr. V outdid themselves with their lively performance in church!



Volunteers

by Jan Schwanke, Council President

Our wonderful Holy Spirit family has really stepped up in the last few weeks by offering their time and talents to address several volunteer needs. Thanks to those of you who have taken to heart the appeals of Council members and your fellow congregants for a variety of positions.

PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity, and Shelter): Wendy LaPlaca has worked valiantly to coordinate volunteers to staff Messiah Lutheran Church's PADS site one Saturday each month. Unfortunately, we have repeatedly struggled to have enough volunteers to cover our monthly commitment. For the upcoming PADS season, we are working with their staff to see if we can continue to support this important cause in another way. Perhaps we can still provide food but not provide volunteers for the entire night? At this point in time, we are still in discussion with PADS. THANK YOU, WENDY!

COOL Ministries (Community Outreach of Lutherans) Food pantry and transitional housing: Joe Labellarte and Larry Neumann have both served as presidents of the board of this worthy cause. Don Hanigan has agreed to represent Holy Spirit on the COOL board beginning this month. THANK YOU, JOE, LARRY, AND DON!

Thrivent Financial: Thrivent provides insurance and investment services for Lutherans. Al Edwards has volunteered as a Thrivent representative to Holy Spirit for many years and Mike Pedersen has stepped up to take his place. THANK YOU, AL AND MIKE!

Mutual Ministry Committee: Our church constitution mandates that we have a Mutual Ministry Committee. This committee is designed to operate independently of our Church Council to provide support and feedback to our pastor and the various ministries of the congregation. Ryan, Hathaway, Ron Stocks, and Janice Edwards have agreed to serve in this capacity. THANK YOU, RYAN, RON, AND JANICE!

Emergency Response Plan: As a follow-up to our ALICE training on April 28, we are forming a committee to develop an emergency response plan. Using FEMA guidelines, we will write a plan for natural and man-made disasters. Want to help? Email Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net.



Thank you to former Youth Director, Colin Pilkington, on his 2 years of service leading our teens and good luck in his future endeavors.

VBS ATHENS!

We will be traveling with Paul to Athens July 29-Aug 3 and registration has begun! Forms are available in the Narthex or on our website: holyspirit-elca.org. Join us for this annual week of fun games, creative projects and song and dance!

We are looking for adult helpers to be craft leaders (at least one per day), snack helpers, actors, etc. As well as, counselors (group leaders). High schoolers can get many service hours for the week!

Please contact Jennifer at jennifer.williamslchschildren@gmail.com or Kari Davenport at karikdavenport@gmail.com if you'd like to join us!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

June Birthdays

2- Trudy Bettiker	21- Michael Clatch
Jean Gates	23- Kaitlin Driscoll
3- Peter Ahlschwede	Colton Malone
4- Bennett Dirks	Ken Rosko
Jim Koblas	John Sieland
Don Roth	24- Daniella Cantagallo
10- Larry Michalowski	Bernard Kasche
Thomas Ryan	25- Giorgio Laudati
12- Dane Brown	27- Sienna Dirks
Anne-Marie Glenner	28- Ben Grafe
13- Emma McGee	Steve Meyer
Roger Nelson	30- Donald Brotz
14- Lisa McGee	Brianne Clatch
18- Ethan Becker	Liam Sieland
Kate Qualley	
Ron Stocks	



Anniversary Milestones

Sandra & Jerrold Swanson
65 years

Lynn & Robert Tramultola
40 years

Congratulation to Ashley Adkisson, Bryan Dick & Kaitlin Driscoll on their Confirmation!



We celebrate the Baptism of George Maxwell Ahlschwede with his parents, Kristen & James.



church council MEETING

Highlights from May 2019

The monthly Church Council meeting was held on May 13th. Treasurer's report included monthly Benevolence offerings and other income of \$88,707; YTD total is \$202,137 (including roof repair donations). Operating expenses were \$34,080; YTD total is \$ 151,807) (not including roof repair).

The Pastor's report: Easter week, Youth-led Stations of the Cross, and the Prayer Group-led National Day of Prayer services were well-attended and well-received. ALICE training was very well-attended and informative. Colin Pilkington resigned as Youth Ministry Director, and planning for his replacement is underway with Youth and Personnel. **Committees** of the council provided reports of various activities. **Worship & Music** reported that the committee met to discuss and plan special Confirmation, Music Sunday, and Pentecost services. Monday evening services will begin on June 3 and summer schedule begins on May 26 (one Sunday service at 9:30). **Christian Education** reported that LYFE and Sunday School have concluded for the school year. VBS promo and planning have begun, and a registration link is on the church website. **Finance** is assessing reamORIZATION options and will present a proposal at an upcoming meeting. **C.U.F.F.** The Progressive Dinner was held on May 4 and was a great success. Thanks to all hosts and the caterer for hospitality and delicious food. The next CUFF event is the church picnic at Tennaqua Swim and Racquet Club on June 23, 12-3 pm. **Long -Planning** continues with meetings to discuss options for flooring, worship space, and worship service technology/sound, as well as visits to other churches for information and ideas. **Stewardship** is exploring offering envelope strategies and alternative giving options. **Youth** has received valuable insights from the online survey. Please share your opinions if you have not already done so. A meeting was held on May 5 to discuss future planning and a new youth ministry director. A cook-out/picnic will be held on June 2 after service and the BG parade. **Property** reported a successful work day; almost all tasks were completed. The roofing project tentatively is scheduled to begin the week of May 27. **Human Needs** will advise PADs that we continue to support PADs and can offer to be a source of food donations and volunteers but no longer will be primarily responsible for monthly staffing and donations.

Old Business: An ALICE Training workshop, open to all members, was conducted on April 28. The Sanctuary Enhancements Task Force continues its work. Lutheran Day Nursery will visit on Thursday, June 27, and Donna will post a sign up. A sign up will be posted for the Buffalo Grove pride parade. The congregation will participate in the Lincolnshire July 4 parade. Columbarium Committee positions have been filled. Twenty-eight gifts totaling \$64,000 have been donated to the roof repair fund; many thanks to all who donated. A member graciously has offered to serve as a COOL board member.

New Business: A Thrivent representative is needed; please see the newsletter for further information. A Mutual Ministry Committee has been constituted as provided in the Constitution and will begin to meet.

Next council meeting is June 10th at 7:30 PM. All council meetings are open to Holy Spirit members. Minutes and reports of the council are kept in a public notebook in the narthex.

Prayer Concerns

Typically, we freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks so the list doesn't get too long. Please remember to email Laurie in the church office at lutheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Music Sunday	3 7pm Worship in the Woods starts	4	5	6 9:30am Prayer Group	7 Synod Assembly	8 Synod Assembly
9 Pentecost	10 7:30 Council Mtg	11	12	13 9:30am Prayer Group	14	15
16	17	18 10am Quilters	19	20 9:30am Prayer Group	21	22
23 Church Picnic	24	25	26	27 9:30am Prayer Group 10-2pm Lutheran Day Nursery	28	29
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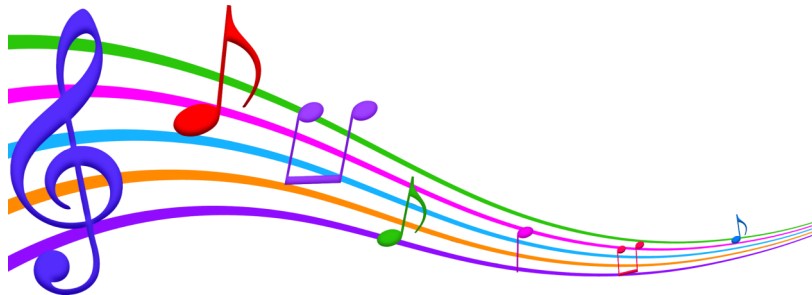
JULY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10	11 9:30am Prayer Group	12	13
14	15	16 10am Quilters	17	18 9:30am Prayer Group	19	20 Deerfield's Farmers Market
21	22	23	24	25 9:30am Prayer Group	26	27
28	29 VBS 9-Noon	30 VBS 9-Noon	31 VBS 9-Noon			

AUGUST 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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25	26 Last Worship in the Woods	27	28 7:15pm Choir 8:15pm Bells	29 9:30am Prayer Group	30	31

Special events are in red bold print



Music Ministry

If you have an instrument you would like to play during worship, there are opportunities during the prelude, offertory and postlude. Please contact bridgcantagallo@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Summer Choir

Summer Choir will be starting shortly! Why not consider adding your voice to our music ministry? We will meet at 9:00 a.m. twice a month during the summer to prepare a short musical offering for the 9:30 a.m. service. Watch for the summer Sunday schedule in the bulletin and join us in singing God's praises. All are welcome to raise their voice in praise and worship. See Mike Duffy if you have any questions.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

June 2019

More information may be found on our website: www.holyspirit-elca.org



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